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### REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are presently pending in the application.

In connection with the rejections of claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Keller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,985,719) in view of Wada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,087,584); claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Keller et al. in view of Wada et al. and further in view of Kokubu (U.S. Patent No. 6,200,858); claims 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Keller et al. in view of Wada et al. and further in view of view of Tay et al. (U.S. Publication No. US2002/0009900); claims 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Keller et al. in view of Wada et al. and Tay et al. and further in view of view of Ma et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,207,586); and claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Keller et al. in view of Wada et al. and further in view of Gill (U.S. Patent No. 5,420,060), Applicants respectfully submit the following.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Richard A. Booth for the Examiner Interview conducted with Applicants' representative, Kenton R. Mullins, on January 31, 2006, at which time it was indicated by Examiner Booth that the claims as presently pending would appear to distinguish over the prior art of record. It was agreed that, subject to a review the case in greater detail, the Final Office Action and present rejections would all be withdrawn. The Examiner reserved the right, however, to conduct an update search.

In view of these developments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the presently pending claims.

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It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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